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PART I.

PASSAGES OF THE HOLY BIBLE,

CONTAINING THE

DOCTRINES

OF THE

CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

1. CONCERNING THE DIVINITY OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

(JESUS said to Nicodemus) Verily, verily, I say unto thee, *we* speak that we do know, and testify that *we* have seen. John 3. 11.

Jesus said: My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7. 16, 17.

Jesus said unto the Jews: When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. John 8. 28.

Jesus cried and said: He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me; and he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me. And if any man hear my words and believe not, *I* judge him not: I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him

in the last day: for I have not spoken of myself, but the Father, which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know, that his commandment is life everlasting: *whatsoever* I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. John 12. 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50.

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1. 18

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. Mark 1. 14.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. Matth. 4. 23.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers (viz: Jews) by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world. Heb. 1. 1, 2.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him (viz John the Baptist) and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him: (viz Jesus) And lo! a voice from heaven, saying: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Matth. 3. 16, 17.

And John (viz John the Baptist) bare record, saying: I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I saw, and I bare record, that this is the Son of God. John 1. 32, 34.

A bright cloud overshadowed them, and, behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: *hear ye him.* Matth. 17. 5.

2. THE EFFECTS OF THE RELIGION OF JESUS.

Jesus said unto those Jews, which believed on him; *If* ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and *ye shall know the truth*, and the truth *shall make you free.* John 8. 31, 32.

Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under *grace.* Rom. 6. 14.

We should bring forth *fruit unto God.* Rom. 7. 4.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Gal. 5. 22, 23.

The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth. Eph. 5. 9.

Jesus saith unto Thomas: I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14. 6.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17. 3.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1. 16.

Simeon said: Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Luke 2. 30, 31, 32.

Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4. 12.

3. NATURE DEMONSTRATES THAT THERE IS A GOD.

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handy work. Ps. 19. 1.

He left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. Acts 14. 17.

God that made the world and all things therein, *seeing* that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with mens hands, as though he needed any thing, *seeing he* giveth to *all* life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood, all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times afore appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us; for in him we live, and move, and have our being. Acts 17. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

That which may be known of God is manifest in them (viz. the Gentiles) for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Rom. 1. 19, 20.

4. GOD IS THE ONLY UNCREATED AND PERFECT SPIRIT, AND CANNOT BE SEEN BY US.

Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or, being his counsellor, hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Isai. 40. 13, 14, 18, 25.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4. 24.

No man hath seen God at any time. John 1. 18.

He only hath immortality, dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see. 1 Tim. 6. 16.

5. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is *one* Lord. Deut. 6. 4. Mark 12. 29.

Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides me there is no Saviour. Isai. 43. 10, 11.

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last: besides me there is no God.—Is there a God besides me? Yea, there is no God; I know not any. Isai. 44. 6, 8.

I am the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Isaiah 42. 8.

Have we not all *one* Father? hath not *one* God created us? Mal. 2. 10.

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Eph. 4. 6.

To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him. 1 Cor. 8. 6.

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6. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE REVEALS THIS ONE GOD UNTO US AS FATHER, SON, AND SPIRIT.

Go ye, and ~~teach~~ make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matth. 28. 19.

But when the *Comforter* is come, whom *I* will send unto you from the Father, even *the spirit of truth*, which proceedeth *from the Father*, *he* shall testify of *me*.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. 2 Cor. 13. 13.

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7. CONCERNING THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES OR PERFECTIONS.

(a) *He is eternal.*

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth, and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Ps. 90. 2.

Unto the king *eternal*, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

(b) *Unchangeable.*

Of old thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. *They* shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. Ps. 102. 25, 26, 27.

God is not a man, that he should lie, neither the son of man, that he should repent; hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Numb. 23. 19.

I am the Lord, I change not. Mal. 3. 6.

Every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1. 17.

(c) *Omnipotent.*

Is any thing too hard for the Lord? Gen. 18. 14.

Ah Lord God! behold! thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power, and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. Jer. 32. 17.

With God all things are possible. Mark 10. 27.

With God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1. 37.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. Ps. 135. 6.

He spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. Ps. 33. 9.

(d) *Omnipresent.*

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold! thou art there; if I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. Ps. 139. 7—12.

Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places, that I shall not see him? saith the Lord! do not I fill heaven and earth, saith the Lord. Jer. 23. 23, 24.

(e) *Omniscient.*

Lord, thou hast searched me and known me; thou knowest my down sitting, and mine up rising; thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways, for there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Ps. 139. 1—4.

Known unto God are all his works, from the beginning of the world. Acts 15. 18.

(f) *Allwise.*

There is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor

counsel against the Lord. Prov. 21. 30.

O Lord! how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches. Ps. 104. 24.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Rom. 11. 33.

(g) *Benevolent and Merciful.*

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Exod. 34. 6.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. Ps. 103. 8, 11, 13.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. Ps. 145. 8, 9.

(h) *Holy.*

Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight; thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Ps. 5. 4, 5.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, glorious in holiness. Exod. 15. 11.

Thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Ps. 22. 3.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory. Isai. 6. 3.

Out of the mouth of the Most High, proceedeth not evil and good. Lam. 3. 38.

(i) *Righteous.*

All his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. Deut. 32. 4.

He is the righteous Lord, that loveth righteousness. Ps. 11. 7.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. Ps. 145. 17.

God will give to every man according to his deeds. Rom. 2. 6.

(k) *True.*

God cannot lie. Tit. 1. 2. Heb. 6. 18.

The strength of Israel will not lie. 1 Sam. 15. 29.

Just and true are thy ways, O thou king of saints. Rev. 15. 3.

He shall judge the world with his righteousness, and the people with his truth. Ps. 96. 13.

3. GOD HATH CREATED THE WORLD.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen. 1. 1. ch. 2. 4.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. Ps. 33. 6.

He is the Creator of the ends of the earth. Isai. 40. 28.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God! so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Heb. 11. 3.

9. GOD PRESERVETH HIS CREATURES.

While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease. Gen. 8. 22.

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth fruit out of the earth. Ps. 104. 13, 14.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season; thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Ps. 145. 15, 16.

He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Matth. 5. 45. Acts 14. 17.

10. GOD DIRECTS ALL THINGS FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS CREATURES.

Ye thought evil against me, but God meant it

unto good, to bring to pass as it is this day, to save much people alive. Gen. 50. 20.

The Lord of hosts is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working. Ps. 28. 29.

Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. Matth. 6. 8.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Matth. 10. 29, 30.

11. OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE GOOD ANGELS.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Ps. 103. 20.

In heaven their (the believers) angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matth. 18. 10.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke. 15. 10.

Thinkest thou, that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? Matth. 26. 53.

The angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just. Matth. 13. 49.

12. OF THE EXISTENCE OF ANGELS THAT FELL.

Pride is called the condemnation of the devil. See 1 Tim. 3. 6.

Everlasting fire is prepared for the devil and his angels. Matth. 25. 41.

The devil abode not in the truth. John 8. 44.

The devil sinneth from the beginning. 1 John 3. 8.

God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment. 2 Pet. 2. 4.

The angels that kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, God hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day. Jude v. 6.

13. THE DEVIL IS AN ENEMY OF HUMAN HAPPINESS.

The Lord said: Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired you, that he may sift you as wheat. Luke 22. 31.

The enemy that sowed the tares, is the devil. Matth. 13. 39.

The lusts of your father ye will do; he was a murderer from the beginning. John 8. 44.

The god of this world hath blinded the minds of those who believe not. 2 Cor. 4. 4.

Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Pet. 5. 8.

14. HE CAN DO NO HARM TO THE REALLY PIOUS.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3. 8.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Jam. 4. 7.

He that is begotten of God, keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 1 John 2. 18.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph. 6. 11.

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15. MAN IS GOD'S PRINCIPAL CREATURE ON EARTH.

And God said: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen. 1. 26, 27.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them: Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. v. 28.

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16. MAN BECAME DISOBEDIENT TO GOD.

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. Gen. 2. 16, 17.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat: and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. Gen. 3. 6.

17. MAN LOST BY THIS SIN HIS INNOCENCE, AND MANY ADVANTAGES HE DID ENJOY.

Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Thorns also, and thistles, shall it bring forth unto thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Gen. 3. 17, 18, 19

The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6. 23.

By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Rom. 5. 12.

18. ALL MEN ARE NOW BY NATURE INCLINED TO EVIL, AND THEREFORE SINNERS.

The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Gen. 8. 21.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Ps. 51. 5.

We were by nature the children of wrath (i. e. subject to punishment) even as others. Eph. 2. 3.

There is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Rom. 3. 22, 23.

I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good, I find not. For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. Rom. 7. 18. 19.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1. 8.

They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable, there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Rom. 3. 12. Ps. 14. 3.

19. SIN MAKES MAN UNHAPPY, AND SUBJECTS HIM TO PUNISHMENT.

When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Jam. 1. 15.

Unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness: he will render indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil. Rom. 2. 8. 9.

As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Rom. 5. 12.

20. GOD WILL, THAT ALL MEN AGAIN BE MADE HAPPY THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

If through the offence of one (the) many (i. e. all) be dead, much more the grace of God and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto (the) many. Therefore, as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Rom. 5. 15, 18.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world, to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him, is not condemned, but he that believeth not, is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And *this is* the condemnation, that light is come into the world,

and men loved darkness better than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3. 16—19.

God our Saviour will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. 1 Tim. 2. 4, 5, 6.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1. 15.

The Son of man is come, to save that which was lost. Matth. 18. 11.

God hath not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5. 9.

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21. GOD HATH BY HIS PROPHETS DECLARED HIS GRACIOUS PURPOSE IN JESUS CHRIST.

(a) *These prophets describe his descent.*

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his day Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name, whereby he shall be called: *The Lord* our *righteousness*. Jer. 23. 5, 6, compared with Rom. 1. 3.

There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. Isai. 11. 1, 2, compared with Rom. 15. 12.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be

little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me, that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Micah 5, 2, compare with Matth. 2. 5, 6.

(b) *They have foretold his office and occupation.*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment unto truth; He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Is. 42. 1—4. Matth. 12. 18—20.

It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Is. 49. 6. Luke 2. 32.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prision to them that are bound. &c. Is. 61. 1. Luke 4. 18—21.

(c) *The prophets foretel his sufferings and death.*

If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, cast it

unto the potter; a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord. Zech. 11. 12, 13. Matth. 27. 9, 10.

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. Is. 50, 6. Matth. 26. 67.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.—He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. Is. 53. 4, 5, 7. Matth. 26. 62, 63.

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. Ps. 22. 18. Luke 23. 34. John 19. 23, 24.

He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken—therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong: because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors, and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Is. 53. 8, 12. Matth. 27. 38. Luke 23. 33, 34.

22 OF JESUS CHRIST, THE REDEEMER OF MAN.

(A) JESUS IS GOD.

(a) *He is called God, in the New Testament.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God.—And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. John 1. 1, 14.

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him, that is true; even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 1 John 5. 20.

Christ came of the fathers as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God blessed for ever, Amen. Rom. 9. 5.

Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim. 3. 16.

(b) *Divine attributes and works are ascribed to Christ in the New Testament.*

(*a*) *Eternity.*

Before Abraham was, I am. John 8. 58.

And now, O Father, glorify thou me, with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee, before the world was. John 17. 5.

(*b*) *Omnipotence.*

By him were all things created, that are in

heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. Col. 1. 16, 17.

All things were made by him (the Word) and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1. 3.

The Lord Jesus Christ shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Phil. 3. 21.

(c) *Omnipresence.*

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matth. 28. 20.

(d) *Omniscience.*

Jesus knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. John 2. 24, 25.

Lord! thou knowest all things. John 21. 17.

(c) *The New Testament demands that he shall receive divine adoration.*

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matth. 28. 19.

All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. John 5. 23.

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2. 10, 11.

Let all the angels of God worship him. Heb. 1. 6.

(B) JESUS WAS AT THE SAME TIME A MAN, AS WE ARE.

As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same.—Heb. 2. 14.

When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman. Gal. 4. 4.

He was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, &c. Phil. 2. 7, 8.

(C) JESUS WAS HOLY, AND WITHOUT SIN.

That *holy* thing, which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1. 35.

He hath made him to be sin for us, *who knew no sin.* 2 Cor. 5. 21.

We have not a high priest, which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. 4. 15.

Such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. Heb. 7. 26.

Christ did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. 1 Pet. 2. 22.

(D) JESUS HAS FULLY PROVED, THAT HE WAS THE SAVIOUR OF MAN, SENT FOR THAT PURPOSE BY GOD.

(a) *By his doctrine.*

He was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1. 9.

Jesus said: My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7. 16, 17.

Lord! to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. John 6. 68.

(b) *By his miracles.*

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works, that ye may know and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. John 10. 37, 38.

I have greater witness than that of John; the works, which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. John 5. 36.

Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. Luke 7. 22.

If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. John 15. 24.

(c) *By foretelling certain occurrences, which afterwards really happened.*

(a) *His sufferings and death.*

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so the Son of man must be lifted up. John. 3. 14.

When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself. John 8. 28.

Behold! we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man, shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again. Luke 18. 31—33.

(*b*) *His resurrection and ascension.*

Jesus said unto them: Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. John 2. 19.

I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. John 20. 17.

As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Matth. 12. 40.

(*c*) *The gift of the Holy Spirit, whom the Apostles were to receive.*

And, behold! I send the promise of my Father unto you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 24. 49.

When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all (the) truth. John 16. 13.

(*b*) *The spreading of his doctrine.*

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached

in all the world, for a witness unto all nations. Matth. 24. 14.

(e) *The destruction of Jerusalem and the Jewish polity.*

There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. Matth. 24. 2.

Behold! your house is left unto you desolate. Matth. 23. 38.

The days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee. Luke 19. 43, 44.

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Luke 21. 24.

(E) JESUS ENDURED MANY SUFFERINGS, AND THE DEATH ON THE CROSS, FREELY, INNOCENTLY, AND OUT OF LOVE TOWARDS US.

He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. 2. 8.

No man taketh my life from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. John 10. 18.

Christ bare our sins in his own body on the tree. 1 Peter 2. 24.

Pilate said, I am innocent of the blood of this just person. I find no fault in him. Matth. 27. 24. John 19. 4, 6. ch. 18. 38.

Ye know, that ye were not redeemed with cor-

ruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot. 1 Peter 1. 18, 19.

Christ hath loved us, and hath given himself for us. Eph. 5. 2.

Jesus, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame. Heb. 12. 2.

(F) JESUS HATH BY HIS DEATH, ATTAINED FOR US JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD, FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND A HAPPY ETERNITY.

God our Saviour will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all. 1 Tim. 2. 4—6.

If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8. 31—34.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2. 1, 2.

Once in the end of the world hath Christ appeared, to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment; so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. Heb. 9. 26—28.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word (doctrine) of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5. 19.

Behold the lamb of God! which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1. 29.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1. 7.

Jesus delivered us from the wrath to come. 1 Thess. 1. 10.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. Eph. 1. 7.

This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins. Mat. 26. 28.

(G) JESUS AROSE FROM THE DEAD, ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND PARTICIPATES NOW IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WORLD.

(a) *His resurrection.*

Christ rose again the third day; according to the Scriptures. 1 Cor. 15. 4.

Remember, that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead. 2 Tim. 2. 8.

Jesus our Lord was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Rom. 4. 25.

Jesus said unto his disciples: Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer: and to rise from the dead the third day. Luke 24. 46.

You killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead, whereof we are witnesses. Acts 3. 15.

God raised Jesus up the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto

witnesses, chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. Acts 10. 40, 41.

(b) *His ascension.*

While they (the disciples) beheld, he (Jesus) was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. Acts 1. 9.

Christ ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. Eph. 4. 10.

(c) *His power and dominion.*

All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth. Matth. 28. 18.

God hath set him at his own right hand, in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church. Eph. 1. 20—22. and Phil. 2. 10, 11.

Jesus Christ is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers, being made subject unto him. 1 Pet. 3. 22.

23. OF THE HOLY GHOST.

(A) THE HOLY GHOST IS GOD.

(a) *He is called God in the Bible.*

Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart, to

lie to the Holy Ghost—thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. Acts 5. 3, 4.

Know ye not, that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Cor. 3. 16.

(b) *Divine attributes are ascribed to him.*

The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 1 Cor. 2. 10, 11.

For all these (gifts) worketh that one and the self same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

(c) *He shall receive divine adoration.*

Baptize them *in the name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the *Holy Ghost.* Matth. 28. 20.

(B) THE HOLY GHOST LEADS US BY CERTAIN MEANS (vide pages 35—43) TO FAITH IN CHRIST, AND TO THE MORAL AMENDMENT OF OUR LIFE.

(a) *To faith in Christ.*

No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. 12. 3.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Rom. 15. 13.

(b) *He leads us to the amendment of our life.*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-

suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Gal. 5. 22, 23.

According to his mercy he (God our Saviour) saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Tit. 3. 5.

I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. Eph. 3. 14. 16.

Ye are washed; ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor. 6. 11.

(24) OF THE ADVANTAGES OF FAITH IN CHRIST.

He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life. John 3. 36. ch. 3. 16.

By him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13. 39.

We are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood. Rom. 3. 24, 25.

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10. 43.

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3. 26.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5. 1.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16. 31.

Jesus said unto Martha: I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liv

eth, and believeth in me, shall never die. John 11. 25. 26.

(25) WE HAVE TO SHEW OUR FAITH IN CHRIST, BY A PIOUS AND VIRTUOUS LIFE AND DEMEANOR.

Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. James 2. 17.

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? James 2. 14.

By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast; for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2. 8—10.

In Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith, which worketh by love. Gal. 5. 6.

Christ died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him, which died for them, and rose again. 2 Cor. 5. 15.

Giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. 2 Peter 1. 5—7.

26 REPENTANCE OR AMENDMENT OF LIFE IS NECESSARY, IF WE WISH TO BE JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD.

Repent ye, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3. 19.

Bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Matth. 3. 8.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isai. 55. 7.

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever; only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God. Jer. 3. 12, 13.

(27) OF THE MEANS WE HAVE TO USE, IF WE ARE TO EXPERIENCE THE BLESSED INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

(A) THE WORD OF GOD.

(a) *It was written by divine inspiration.*

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired, and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you; searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them, did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 1 Peter 1. 10, 11.

When ye received the word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but (as it is in truth,) the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. 1 Thess. 1. 13.

No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation; for the prophecy came not in old time (or at any time) by the will of man; but holy men of God, spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1. 20, 21.

(b) *Its contents are of infinite value.*

Whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning; that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope. Rom. 15. 4.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3. 16, 17.

The scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3. 15.

Thy statutes have been my song in the house of my pilgrimage. Ps. 119. 54.

Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. Jer. 15. 16.

Receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls. Jam. 1. 21.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. Luke 11. 28.

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. Rom. 1. 16.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Ps. 119. 105.

Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. John 17. 17.

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me. John 5. 39.

Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way! By taking heed thereto, according to thy word. Ps. 119. 9.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me, than thousands of gold and silver. Ps. 119. 72.

(B) OF PRAYER.

(a) *Encouragement to prayer.*

I exhort, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men—for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2. 1, 3, 4.

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Ps. 50. 15.

Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5. 17, 18.

Pray always, with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph. 6. 18.

After this manner pray ye: Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matth. 6. 9—13.

(b) *How we are to pray.*

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit, and in truth. John 4. 24.

When thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray, standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet; and when

thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Matth. 6. 5, 6.

When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him. v. 7. 8.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him; but let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth, is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. James 1. 5, 6, 7.

We do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness; but for thy great mercies. Dan. 9. 18.

Verily, verily, I say unto you; whatsoever ye shall ask the Father *in my name*, he will give it you. John 16. 23.

(c) *Assurances of being heard.*

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He shall fulfill the desire of them that fear him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them. Ps. 145. 18, 19.

This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing *according to his will*, he heareth us. 1 John 5. 14.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Jam. 5. 16.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye

shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matth. 7. 7.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. Ps. 91. 15.

(C) OF BAPTISM.

(a) *Its institution.*

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matth. 28. 19.

(b) *Its design and purpose.*

Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins. Acts 2. 38.

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Gal. 3. 27.

He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Mark 16. 16.

Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it, with the washing of water by the word. Eph. 5. 25, 26.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3. 5.

He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Tit. 3. 5.

(D) OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

(a) *Its institution and purpose.*

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and

blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins. Matth. 26. 26—28.

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said: Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them: This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many. Mark 14. 22—24.

And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying: This is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup, after supper, saying: This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you. Luke 22. 19, 20.

I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you: That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying: This cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 1 Cor. 11. 23—25.

As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. v. 26.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? the bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 1 Cor. 10. 16.

(b) *Preparation for a worthy participation of it.*

Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. 11. 28.

(c) *If we unworthily partake of it, we do sin.*

Whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord;—for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 1 Cor. 11. 27, 29.

CONCERNING THE LAST THINGS, WHICH AWAIT US.

28. OF DEATH.

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Gen. 3. 19.

Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Rom. 5. 12.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth: for the wind pas-

seth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more. Ps. 103. 15, 16.

It is appointed unto men once to die. Heb. 9. 27.

Man, that is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. Job 14. 1, 2.

29. THE FREQUENT THOUGHT OF DEATH IS HIGHLY USEFUL.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Ps. 90. 12.

Lord, make me to know mine end and the measure of my days what it is: that I may know how frail I am. Ps. 39. 4.

Be ye ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Luke 12. 40. v. 16—21.

30. OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5. 28, 29.

If Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 1 Cor. 15. 12.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all died even so in

Christ shall all men be made alive. 1 Cor. 15. 20—22.

It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. 1 Cor. 15. 42—44.

The dead shall be raised incorruptible. v. 52.

31. OF THE JUDGMENT OF THE WORLD.

Every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14. 12.

Jesus of Nazareth is he, which was ordained of God to be the judge of quick and dead. Acts 10. 42.

God hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17. 31.

The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 1 Thess. 5. 2.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory &c. Matth. 25. 31—46.

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Cor. 5. 10.

Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. Matth. 12. 36.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap

corruption ; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6. 7, 8.

32. THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL BE ETERNALLY HAPPY.

They which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage ; neither can they die any more ; for they are equal unto the angels ; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Luke 20. 35, 36.

The King shall say unto them on his right hand : Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, from the foundation of th world. Mat. 25. 34.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory ; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen ; for the things which are seen, are temporal ; but the things which are not seen, are eternal. 2 Cor. 4. 17, 18.

God will render to them, who, by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory, and honour, and immortality, eternal life. Rom. 2. 7.

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Rom. 8. 18.

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. 1 Tim. 4. 8.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God ; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be ; but we know, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him ; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3. 2.

33. THE WICKED WILL BE FOREVER UNHAPPY.

The King also shall say unto them on his left hand; Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Mat. 25. 41.

And the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matth. 25. 46.

As the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world. Matth. 13. 40.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day: Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them: I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matth. 7. 21—23.

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the Master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and knock at the door, saying: Lord, Lord, open unto us, and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are. Luke 13. 24—25.

The rich man died, and was buried: and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments. Luke 16. 22, 23.

Between us and you, there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you, cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence. Luke 16. 26.

This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness better than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3. 19.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6. 9, 10.

They that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. 2 Thess. 1. 8, 9.

The Lord knoweth how to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment, to be punished. 2 Pet. 2. 9.

PART II.

PASSAGES OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE,

CONTAINING THE

CHRISTIAN DUTIES.

(A) OF THOSE DUTIES WHICH WE HAVE TO OBSERVE TOWARD GOD.

34. *Of filial respect and obedience.*

LET us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12. 13.

Who would not fear thee, O King of nations; for to thee doth it appertain. Jer. 10. 7.

Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matth. 10. 28.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the earth stand in awe of him. Ps. 33. 8.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him. Ps. 34. 9.

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. Ps. 128. 1.

Ye have not received the *spirit of bondage* again to fear: but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. Rom. 8. 15.

This thing commanded I your fathers, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people. Jer. 7. 23.

I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them. Ezek. 20. 19.

Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God. 1 Cor. 7. 19.

Whosoever shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be least in the kingdom of heaven. Matth. 5. 19.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (*i. e.* to make them more strict.) Matth. 5. 17.

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. Matth. 19. 17.

35. *Love.*

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. 6. 4, 5.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; this is the first and great commandment. Matth. 22. 36—38.

We love him because he first loved us. 1 John 4. 19.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. 1 John 5. 3.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14. 15.

He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me. Matth. 10. 37.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. 8. 28.

36. *Confidence.*

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Ps. 33. 3.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass. Ps. 33. 5.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Ps. 55. 22.

Trust in him at all times, ye people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Ps. 62. 8.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man. Ps. 118. 8.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jer. 17. 7.

Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. Heb. 10. 35.

Cast all your care upon him, for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5. 7.

If God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you; O ye of little faith! Matth. 6. 30.

37. *Gratitude.*

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most high. Ps. 50. 14.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O thou most high; to shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. Ps. 92. 1. 2.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name, for it is holy. Ps. 99. 3.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, and healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Ps. 103. 1—4.

Praise the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Ps. 106. 1.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him all ye people; for his merciful kindness is great toward us. Ps. 117. 1, 2.

Give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5. 20.

38. *Divine honour belongs to him alone.*

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. Exod. 20. 3, 4, 5.

If thou at all do forsake the Lord your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and wor-

ship them, I testify against you this day, that ye shall surely perish. Deut. 8. 19.

Paul persuaded, that they are no gods that are made with hands. Acts 19. 26.

The heathen changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever, Amen. For this cause, God gave them up unto vile affections. Rom. 1. 25, 26.

39. *God is to receive also our adoration in our public assemblies.*

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Gen. 20, 8.

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools. Eccl. 5. 1.

Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matth. 10. 32, 33.

Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another. Heb. 10. 25.

(B) OF THE DUTIES WHICH WE OWE TO PARTICULAR PERSONS.

40. *To Parents.*

Honour thy father, and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exod. 20. 12.

A wise son heareth his father's instruction; but a scorner heareth not rebuke. Prov. 13. 1.

Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Prov. 23. 22.

The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it. Prov. 30. 17.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honour thy father and mother, (which is the first commandment with promise) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. 6. 1—3.

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Col. 3. 20.

To requite our parents is good and acceptable unto the Lord. 1 Tim. 5. 4.

41. *Of Parents.*

If a man provide not for his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. 1 Tim. 5. 8.

I know Abraham, that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Gen. 18. 19.

Train up a child in the way he should go. Prov. 22. 6.

Fathers, provoke not your children, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6. 4.

Correct thy son, and he will give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul. Prov. 29. 17.

42. *Of teachers and ministers.*

It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. 1 Cor. 4. 2.

Not that we have dominion over your faith; but are helpers of your joy. 2 Cor. 1. 24.

Our authority the Lord has given us for edification, and not for destruction. 2 Cor. 10. 8.

Not as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 1 Peter 5. 3.

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die, and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, he shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. Ezek. 3. 18.

The priest's lips should preserve knowledge, and the people should ask the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. Mal. 2. 7.

Every scribe, which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure, things new and old. Matth. 13. 52.

Go ye, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and teach them to keep all whatsoever I have commanded you. Matth. 28. 19, 20.

Paul said to the elders of the church of Ephesus: I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, testifying both to

the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.—Wherefore I am pure from the blood of all. Acts 20. 20, 21, 26.

A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient; not a brawler, nor covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice—moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without. 1 Tim. 3. 2—7. From the 8th—14th v. the apostle gives a similar charge to the deacons.

Speak the things that become sound doctrine. Tit. 2. 1.

43. *Duties towards teachers and ministers.*

He that is of God, heareth God's word. John 8. 47.

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Heb. 13. 7.

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Cor. 4. 1.

Let the elders that rule well, be accounted worthy of double honour; especially they, who labour in the word and doctrine. 1 Thess. 5. 17.

Brethren, pray for us. 2 Thess. 3. 1.

Jesus said: The workman is worthy of his meat. Matth. 10. 10.

Do ye not know, that they which wait at the altar, are partakers with the altar? even so hath

God ordained, that they which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel. 1 Cor. 9. 13, 14.

44. *Of married people.*

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Col. 3. 18, 19.

Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, that if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives, while they behold your chaste conversation. 1 Peter 3. 1, 2.

Let your adorning be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. v. 4.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. v. 7.

So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies; he that loveth his wife, loveth himself. Eph. 5. 28.

45. *Duties of Rulers and Magistrates.*

Judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with you. Deut. 1. 16.

The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever. Prov. 29. 14.

Thus saith the Lord; Execute judgment and

righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, and do no wrong; do no violence to the stranger, to the fatherless, nor to the widow; neither shed innocent blood. Jer. 22. 3.

Thou shalt provide out of all the people, able men, such as fear God; men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such to be rulers. Exod. 18.21.

The magistrate is the minister of God. Rom. 13. 4.

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed. Isai. 10. 1.

46. *Duties towards magistrates.*

I exhort, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority, because this is good and acceptable in the sight of God. 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2, 3.

Thou shalt not curse the ruler of thy people. Exod. 22. 28. Acts 23. 5.

Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's. Matth. 22. 21.

Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. Rom. 13. 1.

Render to all their dues; tribute, to whom tribute is due; custom, to whom custom; fear, to whom fear; honour, to whom honour.

47. *Duties of servants or hired people.*

Do service with good will, as unto the Lord, and not to men. Eph. 6. 7.

Exhort servants not to purloin, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Tit. 2. 9, 10.

(c) DUTIES TOWARDS ALL OTHERS, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF OFFICE.

48. *The Christian duty of love.*

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13. 34, 35.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4. 11.

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? 1 John 4. 20.

And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God, love his brother also. v. 21.

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Mat. 22. 39.

This is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another. 1 John 3. 23.

The end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. 1 Tim. 1. 5.

49. *Duty of doing good.*

As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also to them likewise. Luke 6. 31.

The poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying: Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy

poor, and to thy needy, in thy land. Deut. 15. 11.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Ps. 41. 1.

Deal thy bread to the hungry, and bring the poor that are cast out into thy house. When thou seest the naked, cover thou him, and hide not thyself from thine own flesh. Isai. 58. 7.

To do good, and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Heb. 13. 16.

Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6. 9.

God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9. 7.

If a brother or sister be naked, or destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them: Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? James 2. 15, 16.

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches; that they do good, that they be rich in good works. 1 Tim. 6. 17.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matth. 25. 40.

50. *Duty to be merciful.*

Be ye merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Luke 6. 36.

He shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy. James 2. 13.

A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth. Ps. 112. 5.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Matth. 5. 7.

51. *Forbearance with the faults of others.*

A wrathful man stirreth up strife; but he that is slow to anger, appeaseth strife. Prov. 15. 18.

Blessed are the peace-makers; for they shall be called the children of God. Matth. 5. 9.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Rom. 12. 18.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Gal. 6. 1.

Forbear one another in love. Eph. 4. 2.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4. 31, 32.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. Phil. 4. 5.

52. *Readiness to forgive.*

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Matth. 5. 23, 24.

I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil, and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. Matth. 5. 44, 45.

If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matth. 6. 14, 15.

Jesus said: Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Luke 23. 34.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves; but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12. 19—21.

Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Jam. 1. 19, 20.

53. *Uprightness and truth.*

The righteous Lord loveth righteousness; and his countenance doth behold the upright. Ps. 11. 7.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the latter end of that man is peace. Ps. 37. 37.

Keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity. 1 Cor. 5. 8.

In doctrine shew uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity. Tit. 2. 7.

A false witness shall not be unpunished. Prov. 19. 5, 9.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile. Ps. 34. 13.

Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man. Col. 3. 9.

54. *Profane and false swearing forbidden.*

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his name in vain. Exod. 20. 7.

Love no false oath; it is an abomination to the Lord. Zech. 8. 17.

Above all things, my brethren, swear not; neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath; but let your yea, be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. James 5. 12.

I say unto you; Swear not at all, neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King: neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is

more than these, cometh of evil. Matth. 5. 34—37.

55. *The nature and duty of an oath.*

An oath for confirmation is an end of all strife. Heb. 6. 16.

Jesus Christ answers upon oath, tendered to him by the high priest. And the high priest said unto him: I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us, whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said. Matth. 26. 63, 64.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. Ps. 24. 3, 4.

56. *Duty of dealing justly with our neighbour.*

Woe to him, that increaseth that which is not his. Hab. 2. 6.

You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in mete-yard, in weight, or in measure. Lev. 19. 35.

If thou sell aught unto thy neighbour, or buyest aught of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another. Lev. 25. 14.

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter, because that the Lord is the avenger of all such. 1 Thess. 4. 6.

(D) OF THE DUTIES WHICH WE OWE TO OURSELVES.

57. *The duty to care for the welfare of our soul.*

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matth. 26. 41.

Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your ownselves. 2 Cor. 13. 5.

What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and loose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matth. 16. 26.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. Matth. 6. 33.

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3. 18.

Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Eph. 5, 17.

Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil. v. 15, 16.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. 51. 10.

We trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. Heb. 13. 18.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God; that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. Jam. 1. 5.

Be ye holy in all manner of conversation. 1 Pet. 1. 15.

They that are Christ's, have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts. Gal. 5. 24.

Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Rom. 12. 2.

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. Heb. 3. 12.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Enter ye in at the (i. e. this) strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because (i. e. here: but) strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matth. 7. 12—14.

Let us lay aside the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Heb. 12. 1.

58. *Duties we owe our body.*

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. 6. 20.

A merry heart doeth good, like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones. Prov. 17. 22.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life. Luke. 21. 34.

Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess. Eph. 5. 18.

Drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6. 10.

Fornication, and all uncleanness, let it not be once named among you. Eph. 5. 3.

He that committeth fornication, sinneth against his own body. 1 Cor. 6. 18.

59. *Duty to be diligent, and to procure our livelihood.*

Let every one labour, working with his hands the thing which is good. Eph. 4. 28.

We hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies; now, them that are such, we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 2 Thess. 3. 11, 12.

The hand of the diligent maketh rich. Prov. 10. 4.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Prov. 6. 6.

Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread. Prov. 20. 13.

The drunkard, and the glutton, shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Prov. 23. 21.

Wealth gotten by vanity, shall be diminished; but he that gathereth by labour, shall increase. Prov. 13. 11.

By knowledge (careful housekeeping) shall the chambers be filled with all pleasant and precious riches. Prov. 24. 4.

If any will not work, neither shall he eat. 2 Thes. 3. 10.

60. *Duty to preserve a good name.*

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. Prov. 22. 1.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4. 8.

Let us not be desirous of *vain* glory. Gal. 5. 26.

Abstain from any appearance of evil. 1 Thess. 5. 22.

Have a good conscience, that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil doers, they may be ashamed, that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 1 Peter. 3. 16.

SOME GENERAL RULES, BY THE OBSERVANCE OF WHICH, WE MAY PRESERVE OUR GOOD NAME.

61. *Contentment.*

Be content with such things as ye have. Heb. 13. 5.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out; and having food and raiment, let us therewith be content. 1 Tim. 6. 7, 8.

Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me. Prov. 30. 8.

62. *Avoid covetousness and avarice.*

The love of money is the root of all evil. 1 Tim. 6. 10.

Take heed, and beware of covetousnes; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12. 15.

They that will be rich, fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 1 Tim. 6. 9.

63. *Do not steal, nor overreach.*

Thou shalt not steal. Exod. 20. 15.

Thieves and extortioners shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6. 10.

He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much. Luke 16. 10.

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely. Lev. 19. 11.

Let none of you suffer as a thief. 1 Pet. 4.15.

64. *Speak always the truth.*

He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips, that they speak no guile. 1 Peter 3. 10.

He that speaketh truth, sheweth forth righteousness; but a false witness, deceit. Prov. 12. 17.

The lip of truth shall be established for ever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment. Prov. 12. 19.

65. *Be humble.*

Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Rom. 12. 16.

All of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Every one that is proud in heart, is an abomination to the Lord; though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. Prov. 16. 5.

66. *If you borrow any thing, return it in proper season.*

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again. Ps. 37. 21.

67. *Avoid the conversation of the wicked.*

Whoso is partner with a thief, hateth his own soul; he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not Prov. 29. 24.

Enter not in the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Prov. 4. 14.

68. MORAL CONDUCT IN GENERAL RECOMMENDED.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matth. 5. 17.

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Eph. 4. 29.

Let him that stole, steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Eph. 4. 28.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Rom. 12. 15.

Thou shalt not go up and down, as a talebearer among thy people. Lev. 19. 16.

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. Jame 4. 11.

Behold, how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity. Ps. 133. 1.

Honour all men. 1 Peter 2. 17.

The Lord hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah 6. 8.

69. SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES, CONTAINING COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 1 Peter 4. 12, 13.

Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them; Are ye not much better than they? Matth. 6. 26.

O Israel, fear not; for I have redeemed thee: I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. Isai. 43. 1, 2, 3.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not; they are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lam. 3. 22, 23.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul; and why art thou disquieted within me. Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance and my God. Ps. 42. 11.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, and he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55. 7.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isai. 59. 1.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. Ps. 91. 14, 15.

He that is our God, is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death. Ps. 68. 20.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. Ps. 34. 19.

It is good for me to draw near to God. Ps. 73. 28.

If God be for us, who can be against us. Rom. 8. 31.

I reckon that the sufferings of the present time, are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. Rom. 8. 18.

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